case was pointed out specifically and yet the response from Pakistan was negative, denying altogether that there was any such absconder who has been given the refuge there. These are facts which must be borne in mind when we carry on our further talks with them.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Release of funds for development of Telangana region, Andhra Pradesh

42. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received from Andhra Pradesh Government to release funds for rural development of Telangana region in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) if so; the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

ISI activities in Jaisalmer and Barmer

† 44. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item published under the title "Jaisalmer Mein Kashmiri Munhmange Damon Per Dukano Ko Kharidne Mein Lage, Guptachar Agenciyan Sakte Mein" in the Punjab Kesri dated the 23rd February, 2001;

(b) whether it is a fact that ISI has intensified its activities in the border districts of Jaisalmer and Barmer under the cover of above activities; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, what action Government are contemplating to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State Government of Rajasthan has confirmed that some Kashmiris have taken shops on rent in Jaisalmer, a popular tourist destination. However, the State Government has not found any evidence of their involvement in anti-national activities; nevertheless, a constant watch is being kept over the goings on in the border districts. In addition, certain steps to check terrorist activities, including those of ISI, have been taken in the State. These include setting up of an anti-terrorist cell, strengthening of intelligence infrastructure on the border and regular sensitization of the district authorities in sensitive and strategically located districts.

The Central Government also keeps the State Governments informed about terrorist threats as well as the activities of the ISI in the country, through periodic advisories and coordination meetings. The Central intelligence agencies also share information and inputs with their State counterparts, on a regular basis.

Power deficit in Delhi

*45. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to meet power deficit in Delhi, the Centre has been approached to supply 300 MW of power;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Centre has agreed to release an additional 150 MW of power from the Eastern Grid to meet the power crisis; and

(c) if so, how the Centre is arranging to supply the remaining power so as to avoid frequent load shedding in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir. The Chief Minister of Delhi met the Minister of Power to